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Apply for the 2007 Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Pollution Prevention Program is accepting applications for the 13th Annual Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention between January and June.

The Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention recognizes businesses and other organizations for their outstanding pollution prevention accomplishments. Award recipients will be recognized for specific programs that go beyond regulatory requirements to reduce or eliminate the generation of waste. Qualified applicants must be in compliance with state and federal environmental laws, and their pollution prevention efforts must be voluntary.

As suggested by applicants and judges, the application submittal process has changed from six weeks to almost six months. This change will allow more time for applicants to document measurement, review policy and corporate commitment, and allow the most flexibility for submission.

The applications will be evaluated by a panel of judges representing industry, environmental organizations, trade associations, and government. Judges will evaluate pollution prevention projects that reduce the use, generation, or release of pollutants at the source; increase efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water, or another resource; protect natural resources using conservation techniques; and measure the project's success, level of commitment and leadership in pollution prevention.

Winners will receive a hand-cut New Hampshire granite trophy from Governor Lynch, and public recognition in press releases and trade papers. Awards will be presented to the winners in the fall of 2007.

2006 Governor's Award winner Michelle Hamm commented, "This award allowed us to share our achievements with others. Monadnock Paper Mills is proud of our environmental management system and is an extension of our long-standing leadership role as a steward of the environment."

Applications for the 13th Annual Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention are due no later than June 1, 2007. For an application or for more information, visit online at www.des.nh.gov/nhppp, 1-800-273-9469 or email nhppp@des.state.nh.us.

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